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SUBJECT: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INVESTIGATION OF MADAME
PARK'S MURDER

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1. LOCAL KOREAN PRESS CONTINUES TO FEATURE STORIES PROVIDED THEM BY ROKG CHIEF INVESTIGATION PROSECUTOR BASED ON MUN SE-KWANG'S ALLEGED CONFESSION. AUGUST 21 STORIES, FOR EXAMPLE, CLAIM THAT MUN HAD RECEIVED "ASSASSINATION TRAINING" IN SMALL TOKYO HOSPITAL BETWEEN FEBRUARY 11 AND MARCH 11 THIS YEAR. AUGUST 22 EDITIONS REPORT LITTLE MORE THAN CONJECTURE CONCERNING POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF MUN'S FAMILY IN PLOT.

2. ACCORDING TO ROKG INVESTIGATORS, MUN WAS ADMITTED TO 40 BED "CHOKPULDONG" HOSPITAL IN TOKYO'S ATACHI DISTRICT, ALLEGEDLY FOR TREATMENT OF STOMACH ULCERS. ARRANGEMENTS REPORTEDLY WERE MADE BY PHYSICIAN TO CHOSEN SOREN'S CHIEF HAN DOK-SU. ACCORDING TO INVESTIGATORS, AS CARRIED IN LOCAL PRESS, MUN HAS CONFESSED HE UNDERWENT TRAINING FOR ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION THERE AS WELL AS "SHOOTING PRACTICE." TRAINING WAS SUPPOSEDLY CONDUCTED BY MYSTERIOUS MAN CALLED "KIM."

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3. IN LATER DEVELOPMENTS, INVESTIGATORS HAVE SPECULATED FOR

PRESS THAT MUN'S PARENTS, WHO RESIDE IN JAPAN BUT WERE IN PUSAN JUST FOUR DAYS BEFORE SHOOTING, COULD HAVE RECEIVED MURDER WEAPON IF IT WERE SMUGGLED IN BY FERRY WHICH RUNS BETWEEN PUSAN AND JAPAN. MUN'S BROTHER IS SAID TO HAVE TOLD JAPANESE POLICE HE KNEW OF PLOT BEFOREHAND.

4. TWELVE NATIONAL POLICEMEN REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN DISMISSED FOR DERELICTION OF DUTY AT NATIONAL THEATRE ON AUGUST 15 AND A SECURITY SECTION CHIEF OF PRESIDENTIAL PROTECTIVE FORCE HAS MADE ABORTIVE ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE IN JAPANESE MANNER TO "EXPIATE FAILURE" TO PROTECT MADAME PARK.
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